Incident of Vicence in Ayodhya on December 6, 1992

4202. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any incidents of riots and violence were reported from Ayodhya on 6th December, 1992;

(b) if so, the number of people injured and arrested as a result of riots and violence that took place on that day; and

(c) the number of people arrested in Ayodhya due to violence and rioting on that day?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c) According to the report received from the District Magistrate, Faizabad, 275 cases were reported regarding riots and violence. Three persons died and no arrest was made on 6 December, 1992.

Non-Cooperative by Inian Navy with the Special Investigation team on LTTE Militants

4203. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Special Investigation Team's case against the nine LTTE militants who were apprehended last month from a vessel off the coast of Madras, is being delayed because of the non-cooperation of Indian Navy;

(b) if so, due to what reasons Indian Navy is not co-operatnig with Special Investigation Team; and

(c) in what manner Government would break the impasse and let the investigation proceed without hindrance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Suicide Rate in Kerala and Pondicherry

4204. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the suicide rate is the highest in Kerala and in Pondicherry;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to check increasing suicide cases in the state?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is generally attributable to family tensions, property disputes, and changing life styles involving greater stresses and strains.

(c) As police is a state subject it is for the Government of Kerala and Pondicherry to take necessary measures for preventing increase in suicide cases.

However, the Government of Pondicherry has decided to engage a team of experts from Osmania University, Department of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Human Resource Development to conduct a specialised study into the cases of suicides in the Union Territory to find out special reasons for higher suicide rate and to suggest remedial measures.